(2) whether any Sub-Inspector was recommended by the late Police Commissioner to be sent to Vellore for training; if so, who;

(3) if the answer to question No. (2) is in the affirmative, why that recommendation was not given effect to?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) No.

(2) Yes. Mr. I. Papali.

(3) The Police Commissioner's nominee did not possess the requisite educational qualification which the Government had in view.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know what is the educational qualification that is required?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The nominee did not possess the requisite educational qualification. The least qualification is that he should be a full-blown graduate.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know how many persons were sent for Vellore training since this recommendation?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Altogether two gentelmen were deputed for training.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know their names?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—One Mr. Devassi and the other Mr. Mannadiar.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Anybody for Police Commissioner's training?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know what is his educational qualification?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is in *the Civil List*.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know his educational qualifications?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Whose, Commissioner's?

President.—M. A. (Oxon), Bar-at-Law.

Vernacular Improvement Committee.

109. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state;—

(1) whether the Vernacular Improvement Committee is a Government concern or not;

(2) whether the nomination of the members of the Committee is made with the sanction of His Highness the Maharaja;

(3) whether the Government is bound to safeguard the interests of the Committee;

(4) whether the Government receives copies of the Proceedings of the meetings of the Vernacular Improvement Committee;

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(5) whether it is true that a certain publishing firm of Trichur sent to Government a copy of the bogus proceedings of the meeting of the Committee alleged to have been held on a particular date ;

(6) whether the Committee requested sanction to take legal steps against that firm in the matter ;

(7) whether the question was referred to the Government Advocate ; if not, why ;

(8) whether the Government be pleased to place on the Table the papers connected with this ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(1) The Committee is under Government control and is run by an endowment fund.

(2) Yes.

(3) Yes.

(4) Yes.

(5) Yes.

(6) No.

(7) No. Government did not consider it necessary.

(8) No public purpose will be served by placing the papers on the Table.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Sub-section (5). May I know the name of the firm which sent up such a proceeding ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.— It is Messrs. V. Sundara Ayyar and Sons.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Does it contain allegations against the then existing Vernacular Improvement Committee?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I must refer to the records to find it out. I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Were these papers sent to the Committee?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—They were sent to the Director of Public Instruction. We do not deal directly with the Committee.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the Director answered the paper ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I will look into the records. I cannot say now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—For giving this information notice is required. I believe these papers were perused before the present answers were given.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The details were not looked into. Just for furnishing this answer only was the file looked into. As a matter of fact, I do not know the details necessary.

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